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SULLIVANT MOSS SOCIETY NOTES.

Mrs. Smith makes the following explanation to subscribers of *THE BRYOLOGIST* and to Members of the Sullivant Moss Society whose recent communications may have received tardy acknowledgement. On the afternoon of Dec. 31st a small party of visiting botanists had been to the Agassiz Museum to see the Sullivant herbarium, and had enjoyed the the hospitality of Dr. and Mrs. Farlow at afternoon tea, this being the concluding event of the Sullivant Moss Society meeting at Boston. Returning from Cambridge, Mrs. Smith fell and broke her right arm, incapacitating its use probably for some time to come, as the wrist also was injured.

James A. Graves, of Susquehanna, Pa., died December 28, 1909, at the age of eighty-one years, of pneumonia. Of late he had become feeble, but to the last he retained the keenest enjoyment in his connection with our society and with one or two others of like order.

The Sullivant Moss Society having been honored by an invitation to send a delegate to the ceremony of Dedication of the New Hall of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia on December 10, 1909, Mr. William B. Davis was appointed. The delegates and specially invited guests, in academic dress as required, met in a nearby church and marched two by two to the place of dedication. Our delegate had the honor of marching immediately after Mr. Andrew Carnegie, who had contributed \$100,000 to help build the Hall. This invitation is regarded by Mr. Davis as a recognition of the place which our Society holds in the list of scientific bodies, "since only the acknowledged learned societies had been requested to send a representative." In the evening a banquet was given the delegates at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel. Speeches were made by Mr. Carnegie, Dr. S. Wier Mitchell and others.

NEW MEMBERS.—The January number listed 187 members, since then we add the following: No. 188. Mr. William Mansfield, Ph.D., College of Pharmacy, 115 West 68th street, New York City. No. 189. Prof. Charles Carter, Parsons College, Fairfield, Iowa. No. 190. Mrs. Mary G. Spencer, 4923 Warrington Ave., Philadelphia, Pa. No. 200. Mrs. Clara J. Middlemus, 262 Park Ave., Worcester, Mass. No. 201. Mrs. Mary K. Pierce, Hillsboro Lower Village, New Hampshire. No. 202. Brother Victorin, Longueuil College P. O., Quebec, Canada. No. 203. Dr. Istvan Gyöeffy, Lőcse, Hungary.

REPORT OF THE SULLIVANT MOSS SOCIETY MEETING.

The Society held its sixth public meeting in Boston on December 30th, 1909, in connection with the American Association for the Advancement of Science, which was having its sixty-first meeting. We met in the Hall of the Boston Natural History Society on Boylston street, holding an all-day meeting; the morning being devoted to social purposes, and to the arrangement and inspection of the exhibits. As there was other botanical sections in session all day, this gave an opportunity for some who were unable to attend in the afternoon to join us for an hour.

The formal meeting was called to order at 2.30 P. M., presided over by Dr. Evans, who first read some letters from absent members, among them letters from Dr. Best, Prof. Holzinger, Prof. Fink, Dr. Bessey, and one from Prof. Farlow, inviting the out-of-town members to visit the Agassiz Museum on Friday afternoon and examine Sullivan's herbarium.

The papers were then presented. The first by Dr. Sheldon, "Collecting in the Cranberry Glades, W. Va., illustrated by two photographs. The Glades are swampy tracts in plateau country at about 4000 ft. alt., reached only by a lumber railroad, and offer much of interest.

The second paper was by Mrs. Britton, "The Genus *Splachnobryum* in North America," discussing a species from the greenhouses of the New York Garden, and showing a slide of this rare species, and figure from the Journal of Botany.

The third paper was by Mr. R. S. Williams, "A Plea for the Collection of Better Specimens." He finds that the common species are often carelessly and incompletely collected and represented, even in the large herbaria.

The fourth paper was by Miss Lorenz, "Some *Lophozias* of the *Ventricosa*-group," discussing *L. longidens*, *L. longiflora* and *L. confertifolia*, with three plates; it is printed in this number of THE BRYOLOGIST.

The fifth was by Dr. Nichols on the "Ephemerae of Connecticut," reviewing the genus; showing that we have, instead of the four given on the List of Connecticut Bryophytes, only three, one of which, *E. spinulosum*, was not originally on the List.

The sixth paper was given by Mr. Chamberlain, "A Curious *Hylocomnium*," describing a peculiar form of *H. umbratum*, with fimbriate leaf-tips, collected near Montreal by M. Dupret.

The last was by Dr. Evans, who spoke on "Vegetative Reproduction in *Metzgeria*," illustrated by drawings upon the blackboard. The gemmae of

most species, such as *M. furcata* and *M. crassipilis*, afford a safe method of identification of sterile specimens.

The meeting adjourned soon after four o'clock. Among the exhibits was a collection of New England bryophytes and lichens, put up in Denton's butterfly boxes, prepared by Miss Cherrington and Miss Clapp for the New England Federation of Natural History Societies. Miss Miller sent some of the Society's lichens, Miss Greenwood had micro-photographs of the *Cephalozia*, Mr. Chamberlain showed some of Bauer's European Moss exsiccatae. Miss Lorenz had her drawing-book, Miss Clark, some of her monthly moss charts. Mr. Dutton sent a complete set of New England Sphagnums, beautifully mounted on separate sheets.

We had in all over sixty visitors, at least half of whom attended the formal program. Our thanks are due to Miss Cherrington, Miss Clapp, and Mr. Webster, for their kind assistance in arranging the exhibits, as well as to our own indefatigable secretary, Mrs. Smith, for all her efforts expended in organizing this most successful and enjoyable meeting.

Hartford, Conn.

A. LORENZ.

OFFERINGS FOR JANUARY 1910.

(To Society Members only. — For postage.)

Mr. D. Lewis Dutton, Brandon, Vermont, R. F. D. 1. *Pogonatum capillare* (Michx.) Brid.; *Aulacomnium heterostichum* (Hedw.) B. & S.; *Mnium sylvaticum* Lindb.; *Cladonia coccifera pleurota* (Flk.) Schaer. All cfr. Collected in Vermont.

Miss Emily Croswell, 20 St. James Ave., Boston, Mass. *Physcia hypoleuca* (Muhl.) Tuck. Collected in New Hampshire.

Rev. James Hansen, St. John's University, Collegeville, Minn. *Parmelia caperata* (L.) Ach.; *Cladonia sylvatica* (L.) Hoffm. Collected in Minnesota.

Mr. Frank E. McDonald, 417 California Ave., Peoria, Illinois. *Rhynchostegium serrulatum* (Hedw.) J. & S. Collected in Illinois.

Mr. George B. Kaiser, 524 Locust Ave., Germantown, Pa. *Hypnum Haldenianum* Grev. Collected in Pennsylvania.

Mrs. B. J. Handy, 139 Rock St., Fall River, Mass. *Fontinalis flaccida* Ren. & Card. (?). Collected in Massachusetts.

Mr. N. L. T. Nelson, Des Moines College, Des Moines, Iowa. *Catharinea angustata* Brid.; *Anomodon attenuatus* Huebn.

Mr. W. W. Calkins, Berwyn, Cook Co., Illinois. *Dicranella varia* (Hedw.) Schimp. mixed with *Barbula fallax* Hedw. (?) cfr. Collected in Illinois.